

**Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust  
Ngā Raukura Wāhine Mātauranga o Waikato**

**Merit Award for Doctoral Study at the University of Waikato**

**1. Purpose**

Assistance to women students, enrolled full-time for a PhD at the University of Waikato.

**2. Funding available**

\$3000 per year for up to three years, an additional \$1000 in the final year.

**3. Closing Date: 30 April**

Applications must be sent to the Waikato Graduate Women Awards Committee, PO Box 148, Hamilton 3240, by the due date.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their referees send their confidential references by the due date, using the form provided on the Academic Awards page of the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust website.

**4. Eligibility criteria**

Applicants for the Award shall be women students, who:

- a) have been confirmed for full-time enrolment in a first PhD degree, by the Postgraduate Studies Committee of the University of Waikato, within the 12 months prior to the closing date for applications for the Award; and
- b) hold New Zealand citizenship or have held permanent residence for a period of at least two years.

**5. Application process**

Applicants must provide:

- a) a certified copy of her academic transcript (including both undergraduate and graduate study) **if these studies were not completed at the University of Waikato;**
- b) a statement of up to 500 words explaining the thesis topic for a general audience;
- c) the names and contact details of two academic referees. One referee must be the applicant's Chief Supervisor;
- d) evidence of New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence of at least two years.

**6. Selection**

The Award will be made primarily on academic merit. It will be awarded for a maximum of three years, subject to satisfactory academic progress reports from the awardee's chief supervisor in March of the second and third years of tenure.

The Awards Committee of the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust will administer the Award. The Committee's decision is final.

The number of awards will be subject to availability of funds and standard of applications. If, in the opinion of the Committee, applications are not of an acceptable standard, no award will be made.

**7. Awarding**

Award winners will be informed in June of the year applications are submitted.

**8. Recipient report requirement**

Upon completion of their Doctorate, recipients of the Award must provide a brief report (200 words) on their study, to the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust. The report may be used by the Trust for publicity.